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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: VISIT TO THE U.S. OF GOI MINISTER OF  
COMMUNICATIONS

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1. AFTER SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MINISTRY INVOLVING CONSIDERABLE  
DELAYS, EMBASSY HAS NOW FINALLY RECEIVED ITINERARY FOR MINISTER  
VERMA'S TRIP TO U.S. SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

AUG 17TH - DEPART INDIA FOR PARIS. STOP AT PARIS OVERNIGHT.

AUG 29TH - DEPART PARIS VIA AIR INDIA FLIGHT AI-105 ARRIVING  
NEW YORK 3.35 PM.

AUG 30TH - DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK WITH ITT AT ITT WORLD  
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, BROAD STREET AND WITH  
BELL LABS IN N.J.

AUG 31ST - DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK WITH ATT/WESTERN ELECTRIC

SPEL 1ST - TRAVEL TO STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT BY CAR FOR DISCUSSIONS  
AT GTE HQS AND RETURN TO NEW YORK.

SEPT 2ND - LEAVE NEW YORK FOR BUFFALO, IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY OF  
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RURAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN U.S., VIA AMERICA AIRLINES  
AA-233, ARRIVING BUFFALO 10:10 AM

SEPT 3RD - LEAVE BUFFALO FOR WASHINGTON VIA ALLEGHANY AL-248  
ARRIVING WASHINGTON 1:30 PM. SIGHT SEEING IN WASHINGTON  
IN AFTERNOON

SEPT 4TH - CONTINUE SIGHT SEEING OR OTHER PROGRAM TO BE WORKED OUT  
WITH INDIAN EMBASSY

SEPT 5TH - MORNING MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION AND MEETING, AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, WITH  
SECRETARY COMMERCE KREPS

SEPT 6TH - DISCUSSIONS WITH INTELSAT AND VISIT TO COMSAT LABORATORIES

DEPARTURE WASHINGTO FOR OSLO IN EVENING.

2. LOCAL ITT REPRESENTATIVE, DEHEJIA, DURING MEETING WITH COMMERCIAL  
COUNSELOR ON AUGUST 14, STATED ITT WILL ARRANGE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FO  
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NEW YORK MEETINGS ON AUGUST 30. MIN COMMUNICATIONS WOULD APPRECIATE  
STATE/USDOC ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 31  
WITH ATT AND WESTERN ELECTRIC. SIMILARLY MIN COMMUNICATIONS WOULD LIK  
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STATE/USDOC TO ARRANGE WITH GTE FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM STAMFORD AND  
PROGRAM IN THAT CITY.

3. WE BELIEVE GTE WILL ARRANGE FOR TRIP OF MINISTER AND PARTY IN VIEW  
RURAL EXCHANGES IN BUFFALO AND VICINITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS  
CONVERSATIONS THEY HAVE HAD WITH MIN IN NEW DELHI.

4. WE UNDERSTAND INDIAN EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED OF VERMA'S  
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TRIP, INCLUDING ARRIVAL TIME IN WASHINGTON. WE SUGGEST YOU  
COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY CONCERNING PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD AND  
4TH INCLUDING POSSIBLE DINNER, WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, WOULD BE  
AGREEABLE TO VERMA.

5. WE HOPE THAT STATE/USDOC WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, IN  
COORDINATION WITH INDIAN EMBASSY FOR PROGRAM OF VERMA AND PARTY  
IN WASHINGTON, MONDAY, SEPT 4TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.

6. FROM INFORMAL CONVERSATION HERE WE BELIEVE ITT AND GTE TO BE  
BEST SOURCES FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN DEFRAYING COSTS OF VISIT  
BUT THAT PROSPECTS WITH ATT ARE LESS BRIGHT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND  
MINISTER TAKING MODEST GIFTS WITH HIM FOR SECRETARY KREPS AND  
CHAIRMAN FIC. THESE CONSIST OF TWO DECORATED ALBUMS CONTAINING  
MINT COLLECTIONS OF INDIAN STAMPS.

7. OUR LATEST INFORMAL ADVICE FROM MINISTRY IS THAT MINISTER WILL NOW  
PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONLY TWO RATHER THAN THREE OTHER  
MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

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